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**PRESENCE/ABSENCE SURVEYS FOR SOUTHWESTERN WILLOW  
FLYCATCHER ON SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBAL LANDS IN  
THE SAN JUAN RECOVERY UNIT, COLORADO**



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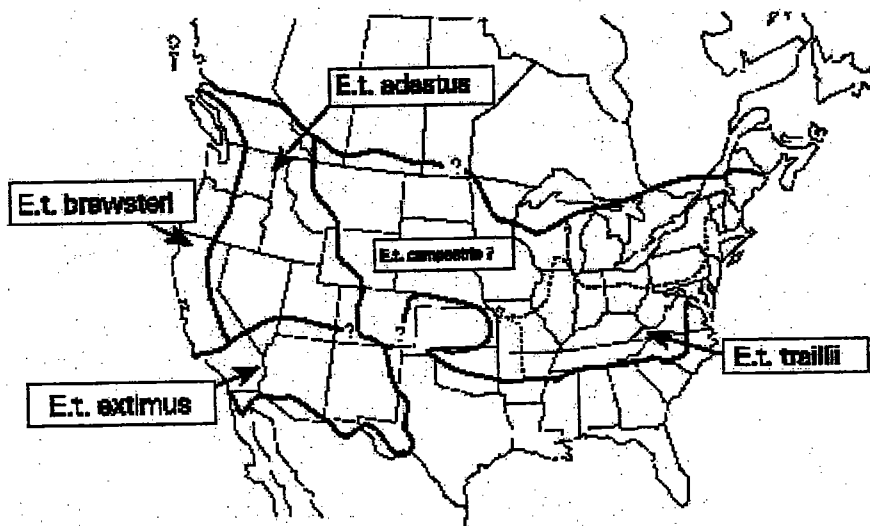
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## INTRODUCTION

The Southwestern Willow Flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) is a neotropical migratory bird currently listed as endangered under the Federal Endangered Species Act (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service [USFWS] 1995). The Southwestern subspecies breeds in dense, shrubby habitat, usually in close proximity to water or saturated soil (Sogge et al. 1997, Sedgwick 2000), and is considered a riparian obligate in the southwestern US (Bureau of Land Management [BLM] 1998). Human disturbances to natural waterways, including damming, channelization, and dredging, have impacted flycatcher habitat, resulting in some of this species' recent decline (Sedgwick 2000). Currently, the known breeding population of the Southwestern Willow Flycatcher is estimated at 300-500 pairs (Sogge et al. 1997).

The current breeding distribution of the Southwestern Willow Flycatcher includes southern California east to Arizona, New Mexico, southern Nevada and Utah, and southwestern Colorado (Figure 1). The San Juan Recovery Unit in Southwestern Colorado, however, falls within the current boundary of the ranges of two Willow Flycatcher subspecies, the Southwestern (*E. t. extimus*) and the Great Basin/Rocky Mountain subspecies (*E. t. adastus*) (USFWS 2002). Recent research in the San Luis Valley (south-central Colorado) has identified individuals with *E. t. extimus* genes (Owen and Sogge 1997); however, other individuals have been identified as *E. t. adastus* (Paxton 2000 in USFWS 2002). Prior to 2003, there has not been a comprehensive USFWS protocol survey effort for Southwestern Willow Flycatcher in the San Juan Recovery Unit in southwestern Colorado (USFWS 2002).



**Figure 1.** Distribution of Willow Flycatcher sub-species. From Sogge et al. (1997), adapted from Unit (1987) and Browning (1993).

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have identified four general breeding habitat types for the Southwestern Willow Flycatcher: monotypic high-elevation willow (*Salix* sp.); monotypic exotic (e.g. saltcedar [*Tamarix* sp.] and Russian olive [*Elaeagnus angustifolia*]); native broadleaf (e.g., willow, cottonwood [*Populus* sp.], and ash [*Fraxinus* sp.]); and mixed native/exotic (Sogge et al. 1997). The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) lies within the San Juan Recovery Unit, and includes several river drainages that contain potential habitat for Southwestern Willow Flycatchers. In 2003, Ecosphere Environmental Services (Ecosphere) and SUIT biologists cooperatively surveyed for Southwestern Willow Flycatcher within suitable habitat on tribal lands.

## STUDY AREA

Southwestern Willow Flycatcher surveys were conducted in riparian habitat on SUIT lands along the Piedra and Pine Rivers (Figure 2). We surveyed one relatively long stretch of the Piedra River, and six shorter sections along the Pine River.

### Piedra River Survey Areas

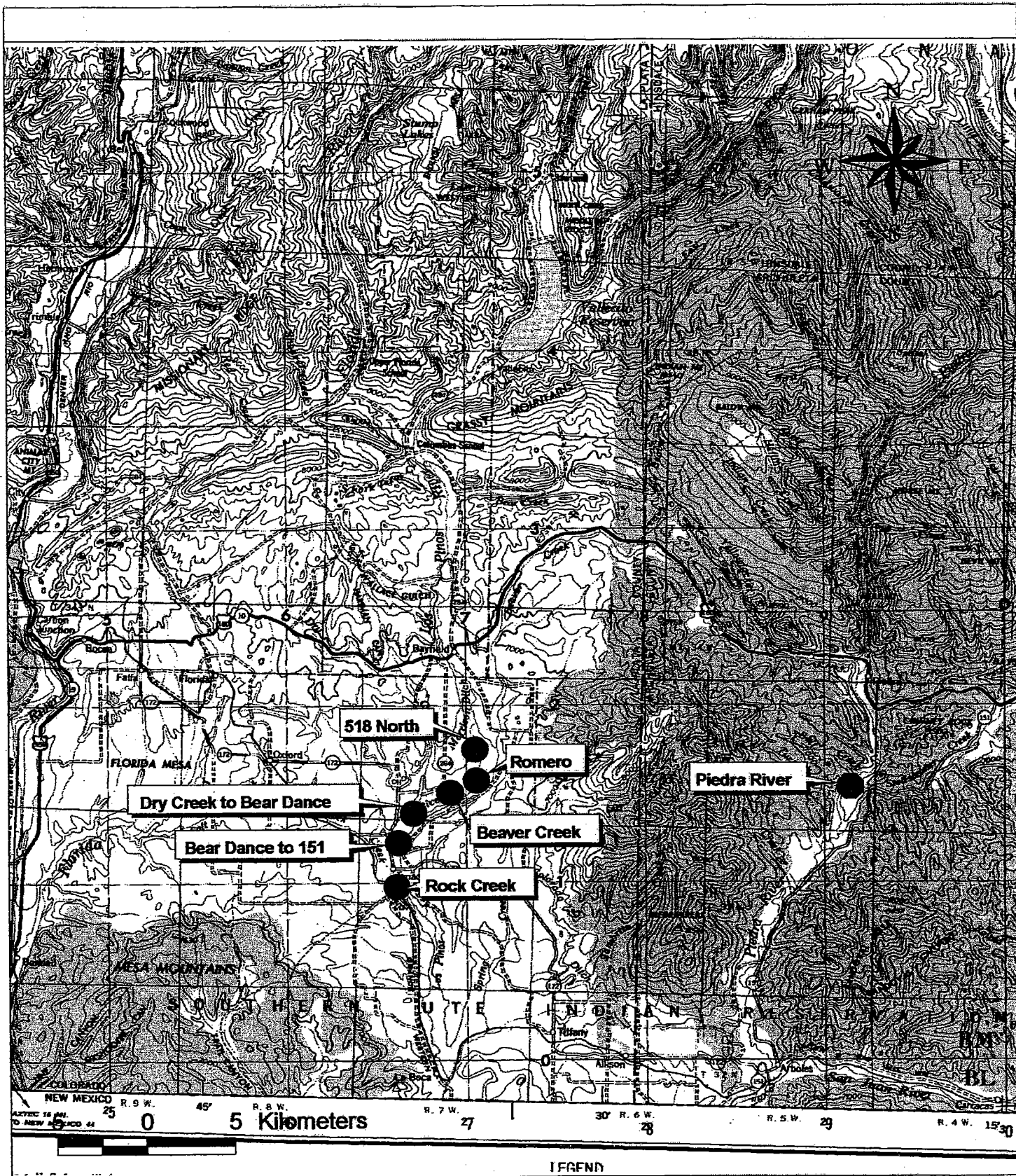
*Piedra River, Southern Ute Indian Reservation.*—This survey area encompasses approximately 5.0 km along the Piedra River, adjacent to Fosset Gulch Road, approximately 12 km north of Arboles (Appendices A and B). Here, there are 13 potentially suitable habitat patches along both the east and west side of the Piedra, although the habitat is not continuous throughout the entire length of the survey area. Elevation at the site is approximately 1950 m (6400 ft). Habitat along the river is dominated by coyote willow (*Salix exigua*), narrowleaf cottonwood (*Populus angustifolia*), and rose sp. (*Rosa* sp.), with vegetation height ranging between approximately 2 and 5 m.

### Pine River Survey Areas

*518 North.*—This survey site includes approximately 0.7 km of habitat along the Pine River, adjacent to County Road 518 and approximately 6.1 km south of Bayfield (Appendices A and B). Riparian vegetation at this site is dominated by coyote willow and narrowleaf cottonwood, with canopy height ranging from 2-5 m. Elevation at this survey area is approximately 2040 m (6700 ft).

*Romero.*—The Romero property includes approximately 1.0 km of habitat along the Pine River, approximately 7.0 km north of Ignacio (Appendices A and B). This site is dominated by coyote willow and narrowleaf cottonwood, with heights ranging from 2-7 m. The majority of the potential flycatcher habitat occurs on the west side of the river; however, there are a few patches of habitat east of the river. The southern end of the survey area includes some marsh habitat, and several beaver ponds. Elevation is approximately 2010 m (6600 ft).

*Beaver Creek.*—The Beaver Creek survey area includes approximately 0.7 km of potential Southwestern Willow Flycatcher habitat along the Pine River, adjacent to County Road



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FIGURE 2  
SOUTHWESTERN WILLOW FLYCATCHER  
SURVEY AREAS ON SUIT LANDS  
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521 and approximately 4.7 km north of Ignacio (Appendices A and B). Elevation is approximately 2010 m (6600 ft). Beaver Creek is characterized by cottonwood gallery forest and scattered patches of dense vegetation, dominated by coyote willow and narrowleaf cottonwood. Most of the habitat suitable for Southwestern Willow Flycatchers occurs on the east side of the river; however, there are also scattered patches of potential flycatcher west of the river. Vegetation in the survey area ranged from 2-6 m in height.

*Dry Creek to Bear Dance.*—This survey area begins just north of the confluence of Dry Creek and the Pine River, and extends south to Bear Dance Road in Ignacio (Appendices A and B). Total length of this stretch of river is approximately 1.9 km, although habitat is not continuous throughout the entire area. Most of the habitat suitable for Southwestern Willow Flycatchers occurs on the west side of the Pine River, although a few habitat patches are present east of the river. Dominant vegetation includes coyote willow, narrowleaf cottonwood, and box elder (*Acer negundo*), with a mean height of approximately 5-7 m. Elevation is approximately 1980 m (6500 ft).

*Bear Dance to 151.*—This survey area includes approximately 1.6 km of habitat along the Pine River, between Bear Dance Road and Highway 151 in Ignacio (Appendices A and B). Elevation is approximately 1980 m (6500 ft). Potential flycatcher habitat occurs in scattered patches along both the east and west sides of the Pine; however, the habitat is not continuous along this entire stretch of river. Dominant vegetation includes coyote willow and narrowleaf cottonwood, with a large cattail marsh occurring at the southern end of the survey area on the east side of the river. Mean height of the riparian vegetation at this site is about 5 m.

*Rock Creek.*—Rock Creek is the southernmost survey area on SUT land along the Pine River. The survey area begins at the Ignacio Water Treatment Plant adjacent to Rock Creek, and extend south to the confluence of Rock Creek and the Pine River (Appendices A and B). Elevation is approximately 1950 m (6400 ft). Potential habitat for Southwestern Willow Flycatchers occurs along both sides of Rock Creek, with the majority of suitable habitat on the eastern side. Vegetation is dominated by coyote willow, narrowleaf cottonwood, and rose, with a mean height of 8-10 m.

## METHODS

In 2003, Ecosphere and SUT biologists performed Southwestern Willow Flycatcher surveys on tribal lands. We conducted surveys following the protocol developed by Sogge et al. (1997), in accordance with the Federal Endangered Species Act. The protocol involves surveying for flycatchers using the tape playback method. The presence of Willow Flycatchers was confirmed only if a bird responded to the tape by singing the distinctive song, "fitz-bew". One survey was conducted at each of the survey areas during each of the following three periods, 15-31 May, 1-21 June, and 22 June-10 July. Consecutive flycatcher surveys at each site were conducted at least five days apart from each other, and were completed between approximately 5:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. When Willow Flycatchers were detected, we recorded their locations in UTM's, using a Garmin

Global Positioning System (GPS), and mapped these locations on USGS 7.5" quadrangle maps. Flycatchers were only considered resident potential breeders if detected during the third survey period (Sogge et al. 1997). All flycatchers detected during periods 1 and 2 were considered migrants unless they were also observed during the third period (Sogge et al. 1997). In addition to recording the presence/absence of Southwestern Willow Flycatchers, observers also recorded other bird species seen or heard while conducting the surveys.

## RESULTS

### Piedra River Survey Areas

*Piedra River, Southern Ute Indian Reservation.*—We did not detect any Southwestern Willow Flycatchers within the Piedra River survey area in 2003 (Appendix C). Appendix E lists all avian species observed along the Piedra while conducting surveys in 2003.

### Pine River Survey Areas

In 2003, we detected Willow Flycatchers at four of the six survey sites along the Pine River: Romero, Dry Creek to Bear Dance, Bear Dance to 151, and Rock Creek (Table 1, Appendices C and D). No flycatchers were detected at the 518 North or Beaver Creek survey areas (Appendix C). A list of all avian species detected at the Pine River survey sites is listed in Appendix E.

*Romero.*—One breeding pair of Willow Flycatchers was detected at Romero during the 2003 breeding season (Table 1, Appendices C and D). We first detected a singing male at this site during the second survey period. This bird was observed singing in a cottonwood tree adjacent to a patch of dense, coyote willow. During our third period survey, we detected a singing male in the same general area, as well as another flycatcher exhibiting the "whit" call. We assumed these birds were a breeding pair because they were seen in close proximity to one another without aggressive interactions. One of the birds was seen emerging from the willows with a fecal sac in its bill. We approached the area and found the nest, which contained one Willow Flycatcher chick and one Brown-headed Cowbird (*Molothrus ater*) chick. The flycatcher chick was fully feathered and was sitting on the rim of the nest. We estimated that this chick would fledge within one day of the discovery of the nest. The cowbird chick was sitting inside the nest, its body still covered with down and pin feathers emerging from their shafts. We estimated that the cowbird would require more than one additional day to develop prior to fledging. Biologists from the SUTT monitored this nest, and confirmed that the flycatcher chick fledged from the nest.

In addition to the discovery of this nest, SUTT biologists also located two additional Willow Flycatcher nests at the Romero site, while conducting non-protocol follow-up surveys. The first nest was discovered in mid-July and contained three eggs. Based on the breeding biology of Willow Flycatchers, we speculated that an additional female initiated this nest, rather than the previously observed female at Romero. SUTT biologists observed

a female flycatcher tending to this new nest in mid-July; however, it was subsequently depredated. In late July, egg-laying was initiated at another nearby nest. We speculated that this was an additional nesting attempt by the second female at the Romero site. Three young Willow Flycatchers successfully fledged from this nest in mid-August. A list of all avian species detected at Romero is provided in Appendix E.

**Table 1.** UTM coordinates for Willow Flycatchers detected during protocol surveys on the Pine River, 2003.

Location	Survey period 1		Survey period 2		Survey period 3	
	Bird	UTM	Bird	UTM	Bird	UTM
Romero			1	4115879 N 0270411 E	1	4115966 N 0270456 E
					2	4115959 N 0270424 E
Dry Creek to Bear Dance	1	4112686 N 0266565 E	1	4112686 N 0266565 E	1	4112686 N 0266565 E
	2	4113562 N 0267282 E	2	4113552 N 0267089 E		
Bear Dance to 151			1	4111225 N 0266287 E		
Rock Creek	1	4109531 N 0266350 E				
	2	4109470 N 0266441 E				
	3	4109476 N 0266507 E				
	4	4109756 N 0266520 E				

*Dry Creek to Bear Dance.*—In 2003, we detected two Willow Flycatchers each during the first and second survey periods, and one flycatcher during the third survey period at the Dry Creek to Bear Dance survey site (Table 1, Appendices C and D). One singing male was detected during all three survey periods at the southern end of the survey route, adjacent to Scott's Pond, (Appendices C and D). None of the Willow Flycatchers observed during our surveys were color-banded; therefore, there was no way to identify individual birds during tape playback surveys. However, because this flycatcher was always found in the same general location during all three surveys, we assumed this represented one resident bird, rather than three different birds moving through the area. Ecosphere and SUIT biologists did not observe any female Willow Flycatchers in the Scott's Pond territory during protocol surveys; however, a non-protocol survey conducted on 17 June resulted in the discovery of a Willow Flycatcher nest adjacent to Scott's pond.

The nest contained four eggs at the time of discovery and was being tended by a female flycatcher. Unfortunately, this nest was not monitored following its initial discovery, and was empty during a subsequent visit to the site on 18 July. Because of the long time lapse in monitoring, the SUIT was unable to determine the fate of this nest.

In addition to the flycatcher and nest found at Scott's Pond, we also observed Willow Flycatchers at the northern end of the survey route, near Dry Creek. During the first survey period, we detected one male singing in a dense patch of coyote willow and box elder, just north of the confluence of Dry Creek and the Pine River (Appendices C and D). We did not, however, find any flycatchers north of Dry Creek during the subsequent surveys. Nevertheless, one singing male was detected just south of Dry Creek during the second period (Appendices C and D). Again, we did not observe any flycatchers in this general area during the third survey period. A list of all bird species detected during Southwestern Willow Flycatcher surveys is listed in Appendix E.

*Bear Dance to 151.*—One Willow Flycatcher was detected at the southern end of this survey area, north of Highway 151, during the second survey period (Table 1, Appendices C and D). This bird was observed singing in a patch of tall (approximately 5 m) willow-cottonwood habitat, adjacent to a cattail marsh. We did not detect any flycatchers at this site, however, during surveys in the third period. Appendix E lists all bird species detected during Southwestern Willow Flycatcher surveys in 2003.

## DISCUSSION

The results from the 2003 surveys represent the first comprehensive survey effort for Southwestern Willow Flycatchers on SUIT lands in the San Juan Recovery Unit. Although we did detect a number of singing flycatchers during the first and second survey periods, most of these birds were not present during the third survey period. Therefore, these birds were likely just migrating through, and not breeding within the survey areas (Sogge et al. 1997). Because these birds were probably migrants, it is possible that some or all were not the southwestern sub-species of Willow Flycatcher, *E. t. extimus*, but rather the Great Basin/Rocky Mountain sub-species, *E. t. adastus*, as southwestern Colorado occurs within the range boundary established for *E. t. extimus* and *E. t. adastus*. Nevertheless, the presence of Willow Flycatchers during the first and second survey periods at sites such as Rock Creek and Bear Dance to 151, suggests that these areas contain habitat both suitable and attractive for Southwestern Willow Flycatchers.

Our 2003 survey effort identified at least one previously unknown Willow Flycatcher breeding territory on the Pine River, the Romero territory. The breeding pair at Romero also produced the first successful Willow Flycatcher nests documented in southwestern Colorado. It is unclear, however, how many territories were present at Romero in 2003. We observed only one singing male at this site, but we speculated that two females nested in this area. It is unlikely that one female attempted a second brood at Romero, within days of fledging young from another nest, because females will continue to feed fledglings for several weeks after they leave the nest (Walkinshaw 1966, Sedgwick 2000). Polygyny

has been reported in other populations of Willow Flycatchers (Prescott 1986, Sedgwick and Knopf 1989); therefore, it may have also occurred at this site.

In 2003, we also confirmed a breeding territory along the Pine River, near Scott's Pond, although we were unable to determine breeding success or failure. SUIT biologists had also observed a Willow Flycatcher in this territory during the third survey period in 2002 (S. Whiteman, pers. comm.); however, there had been no females or nests found at this site at that time.

At this time, the USFWS considers breeding Willow Flycatchers detected in the San Juan Recovery Unit to be the Southwestern sub-species *E. t. extimus*. Because we identified two Willow Flycatcher breeding territories in the San Juan Recovery Unit, additional research should be conducted to confirm that this small population is indeed the Southwestern sub-species. DNA sampling may be used to positively identify genes of the sub-species of flycatchers in this region. In addition, sonogram analyses of flycatcher songs may also be useful in determining Willow Flycatcher sub-species (J. Sedgwick, pers. comm.).

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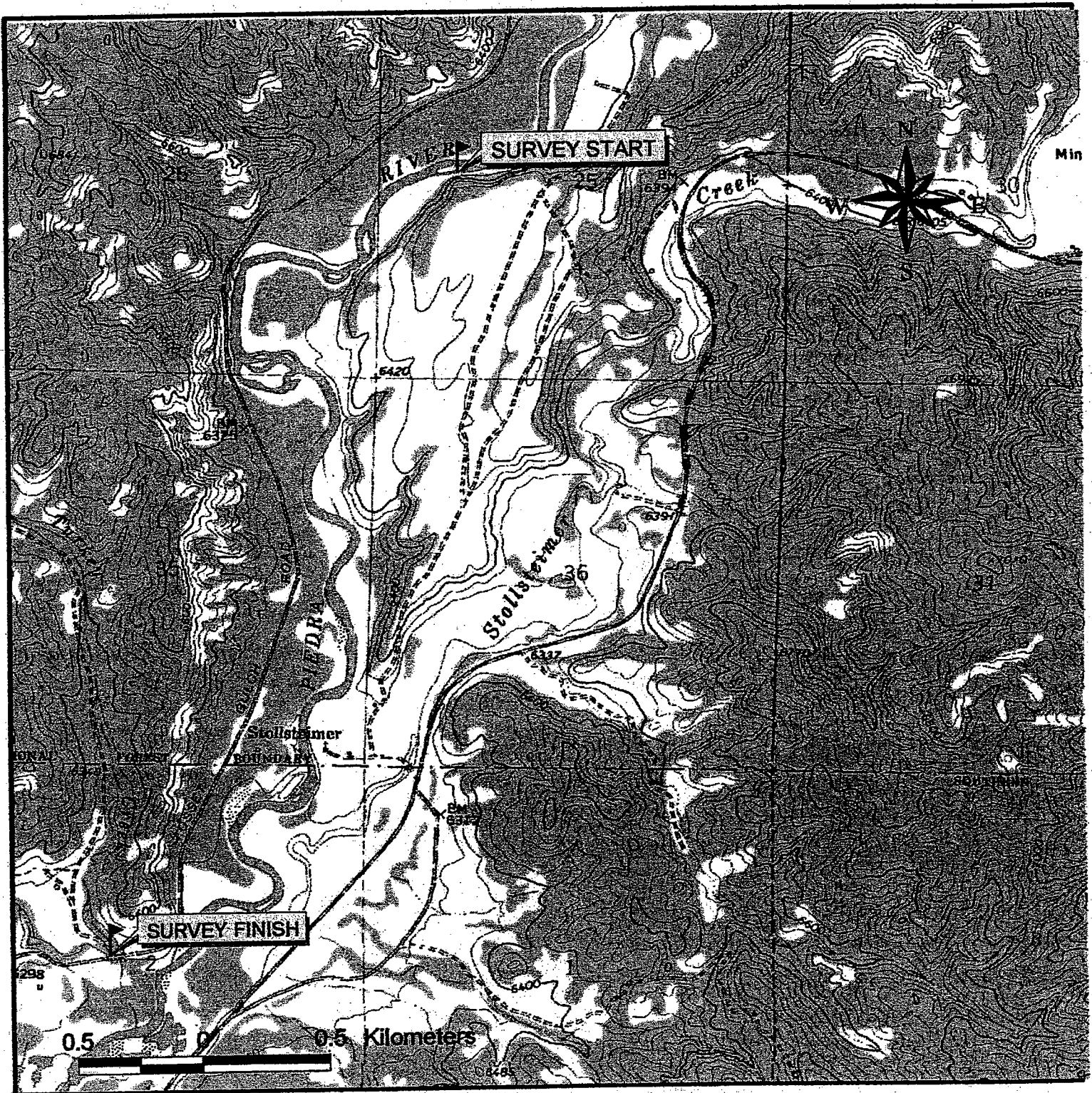
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## **APPENDIX A**

### **MAPS OF SOUTHWESTERN WILLOW FLYCATCHER SURVEY AREAS ON SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBAL LANDS**

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SURVEY MAP

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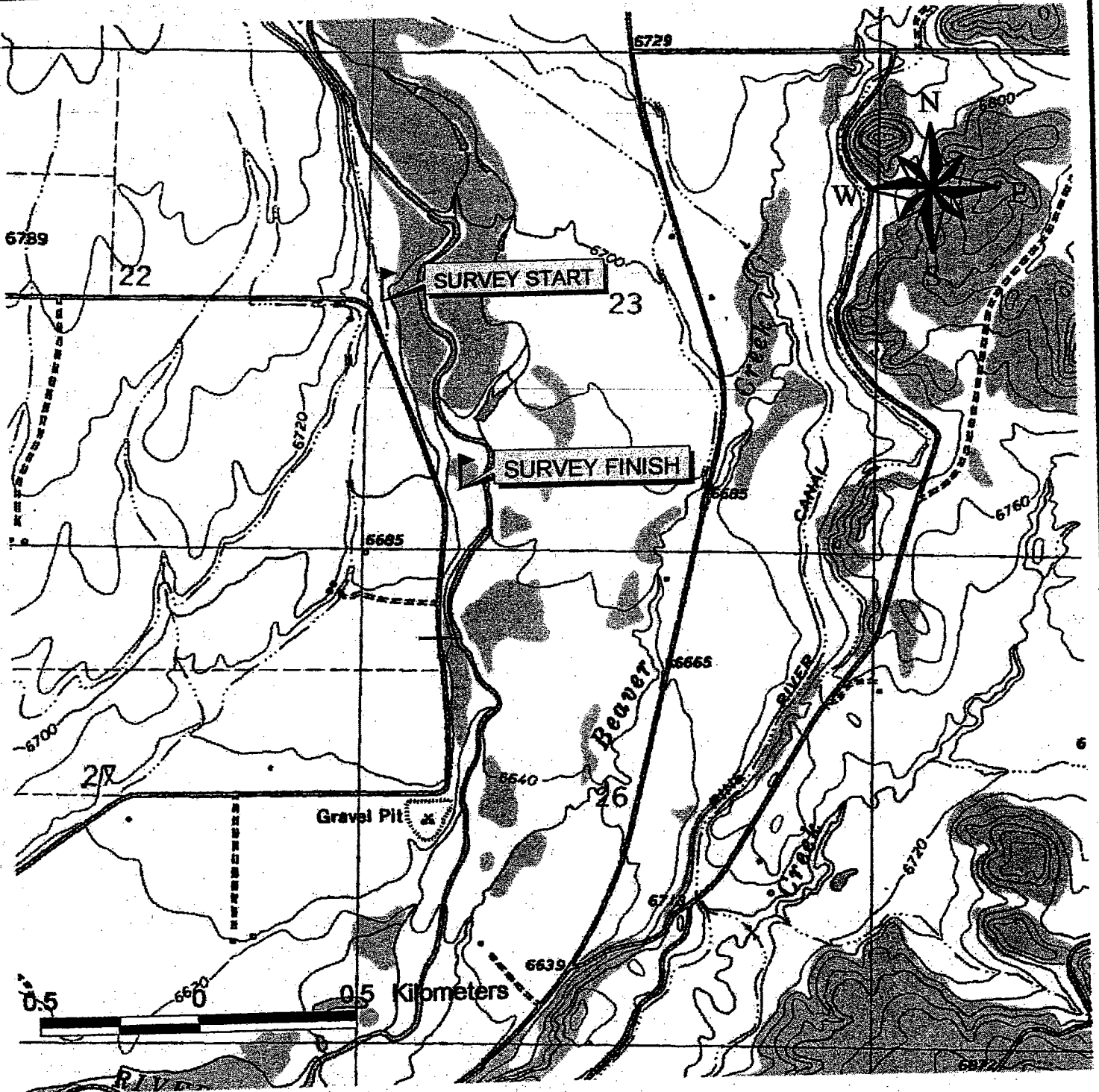
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SOUTHWESTERN WILLOW FLYCATCHER SURVEY AREA  
PIEDRA RIVER/SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION

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BAYFIELD  
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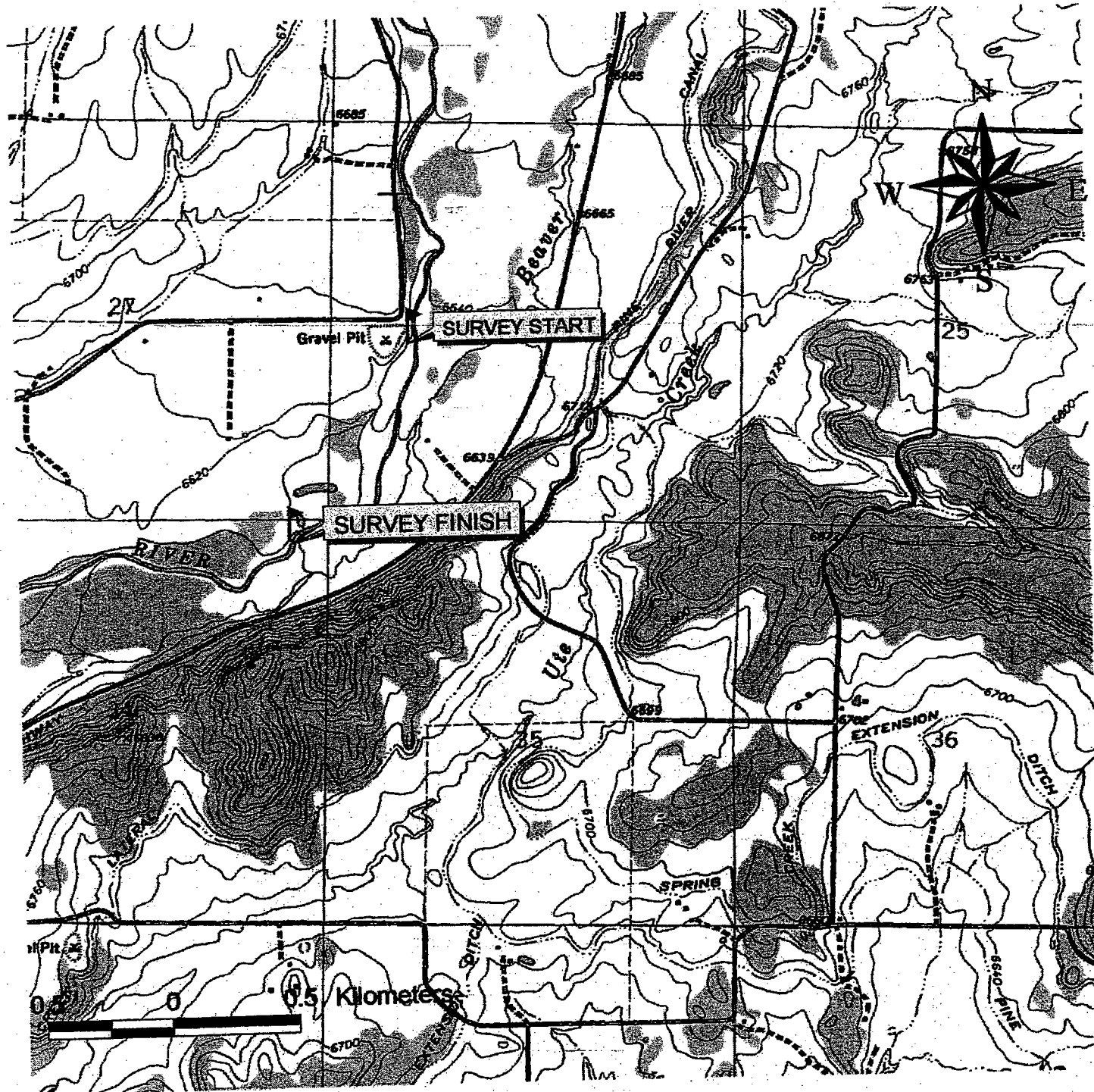
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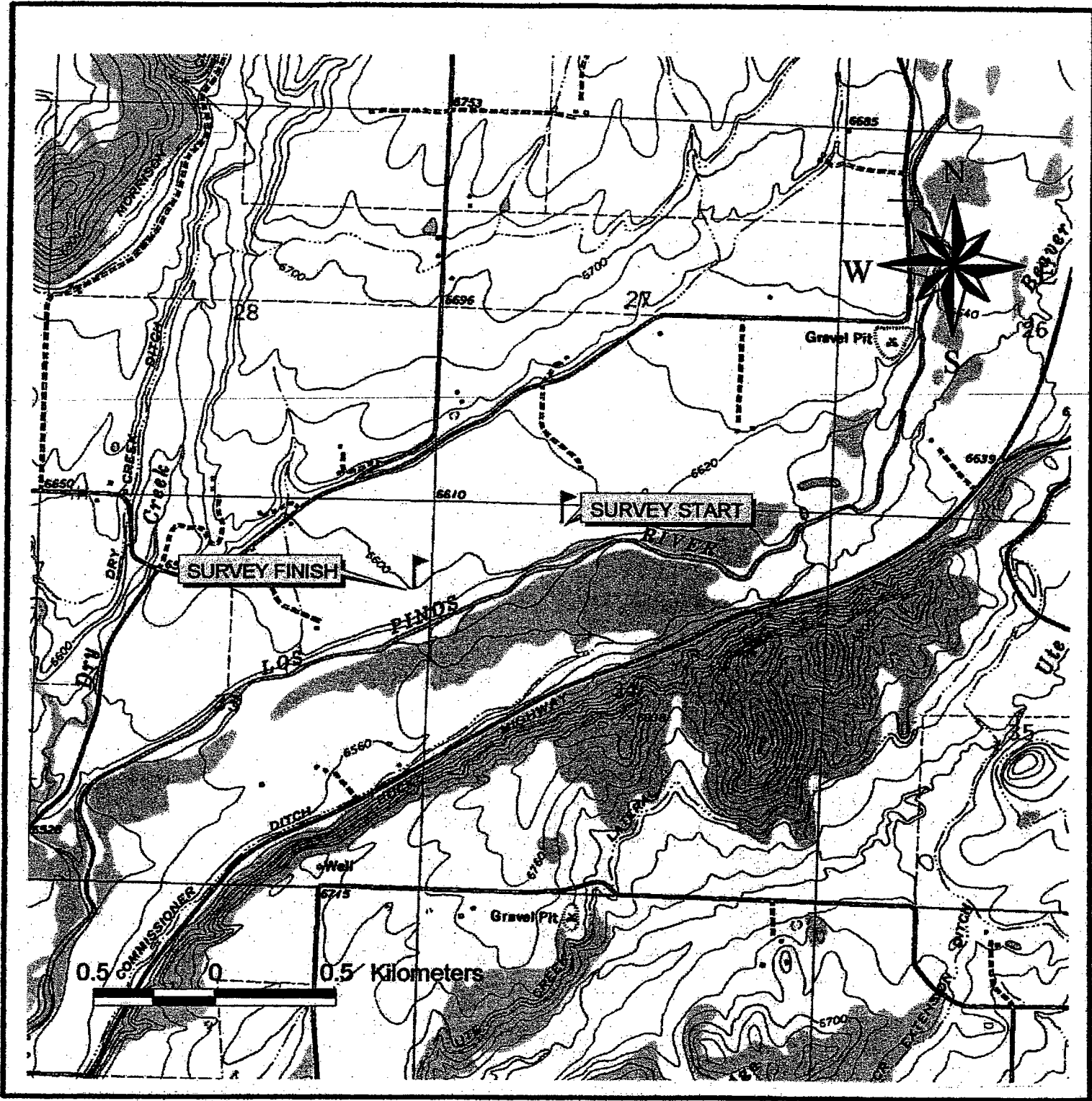
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SOUTHWESTERN WILLOW FLYCATCHER SURVEY AREA  
LOS PINOS RIVER/ROMERO

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**USGS 7.5 MINUTE  
TOPOGRAPHIC  
SURVEY MAP**

**BAYFIELD  
QUADRANGLE  
LA PLATA COUNTY  
COLORADO**



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LOS PINOS RIVER/BEAVER CREEK**

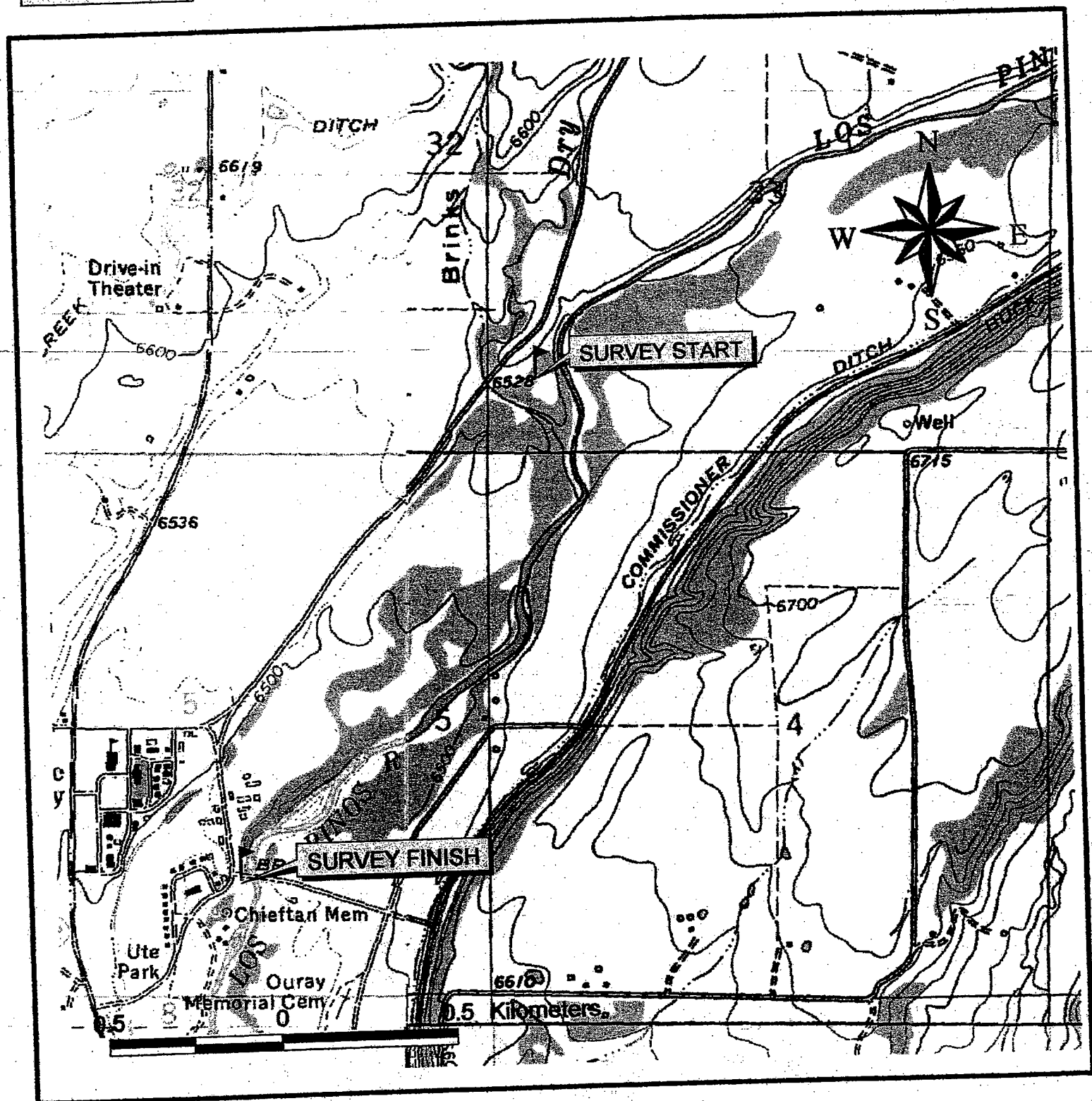
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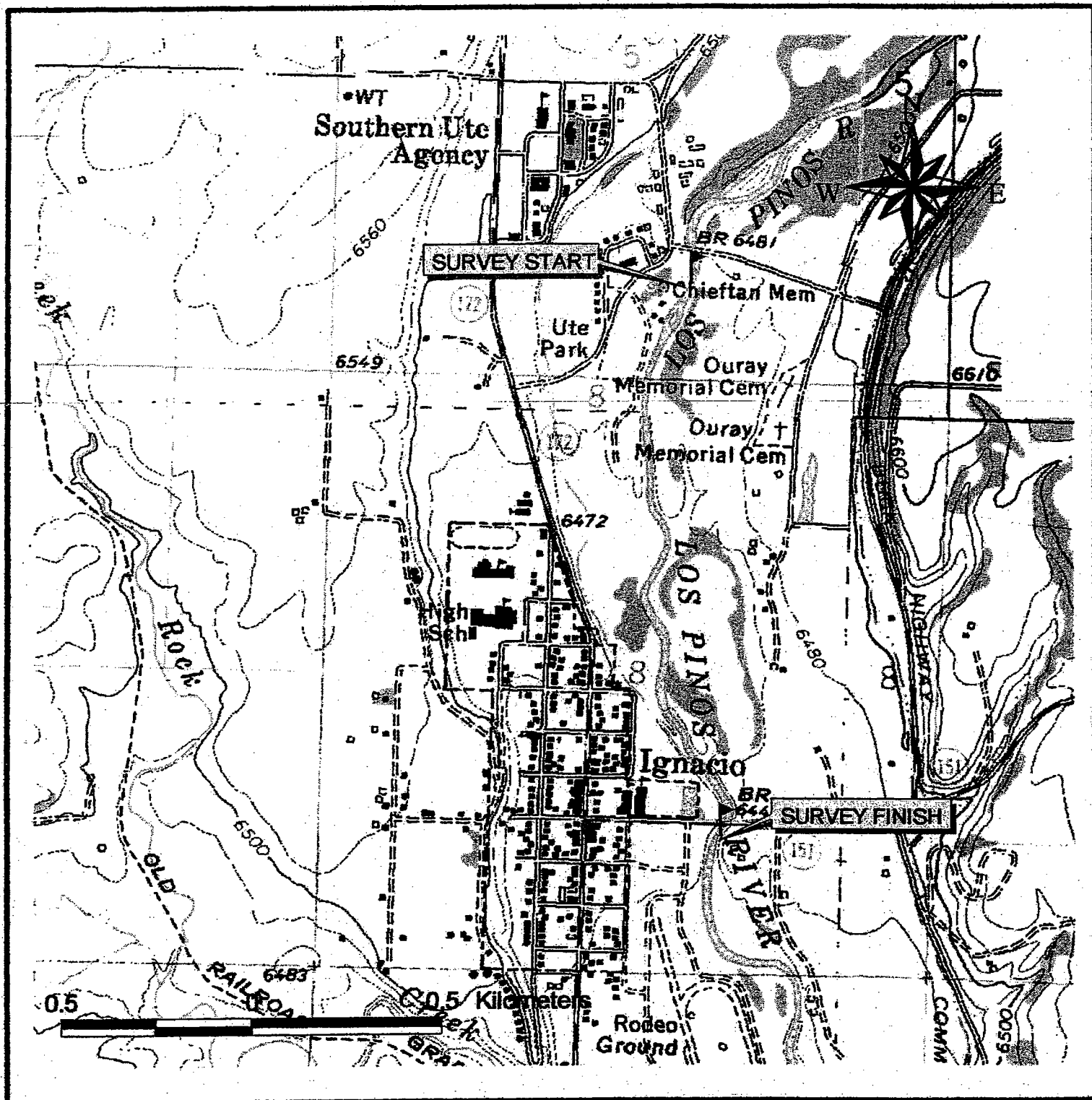
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LOS PINOS RIVER/DRY CREEK TO BEAR DANCE

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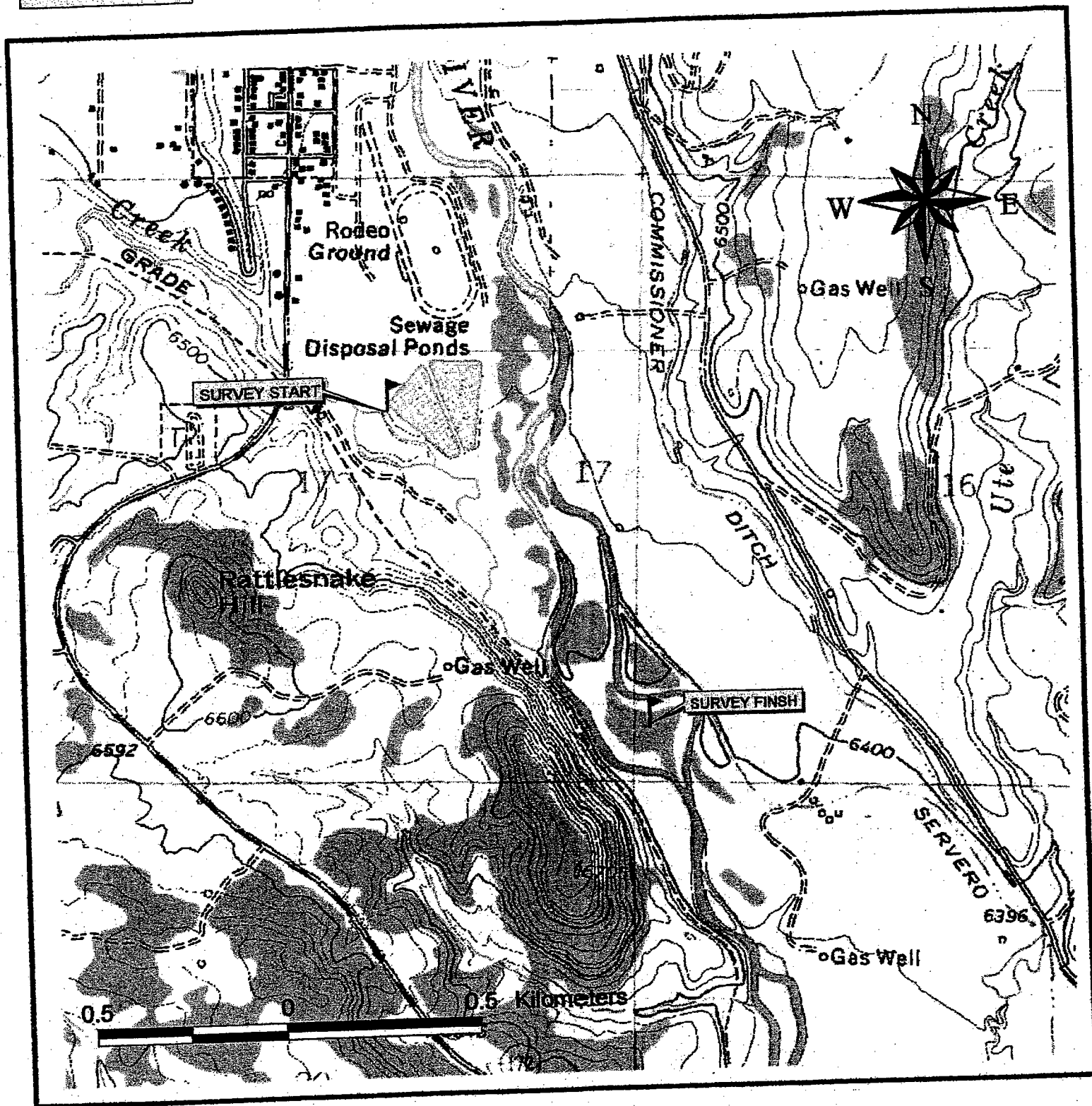
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SOUTHWESTERN WILLOW FLYCATCHER SURVEY AREA  
LOS PINOS RIVER/BEAR DANCE TO 151

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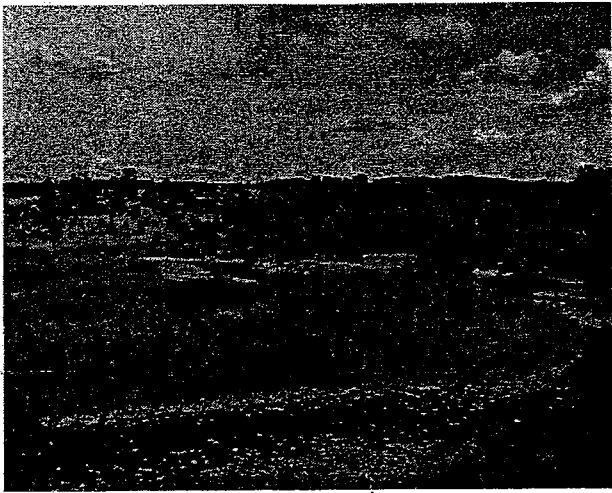
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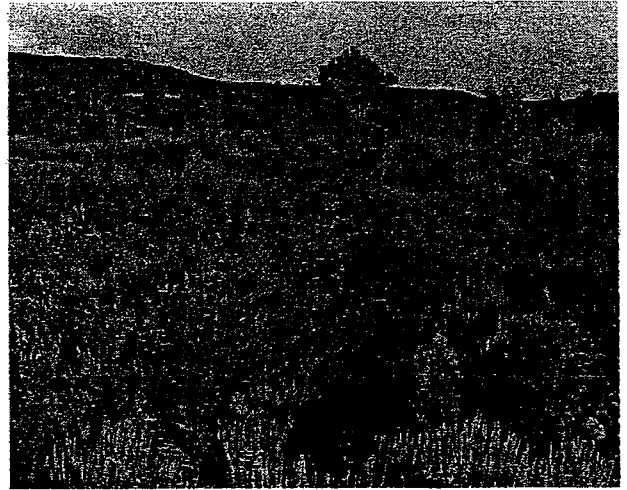
## **APPENDIX B**

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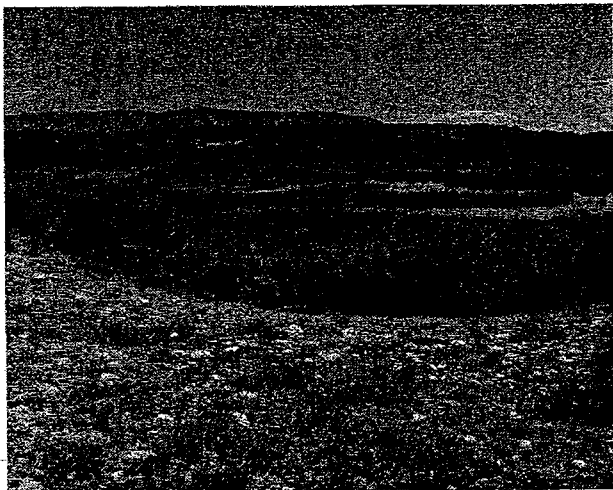
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Piedra River



518 North



Romero

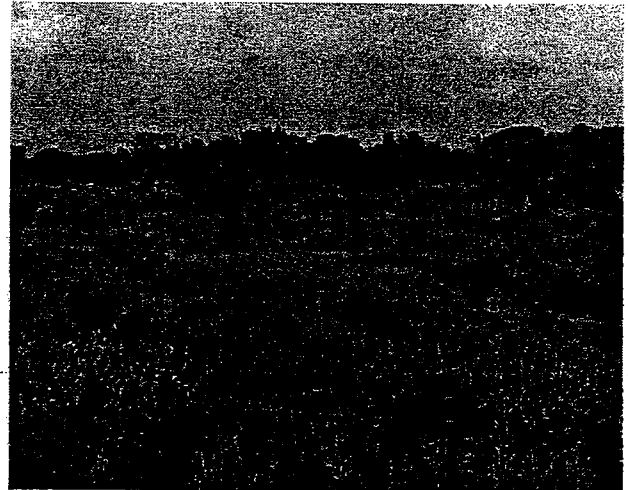


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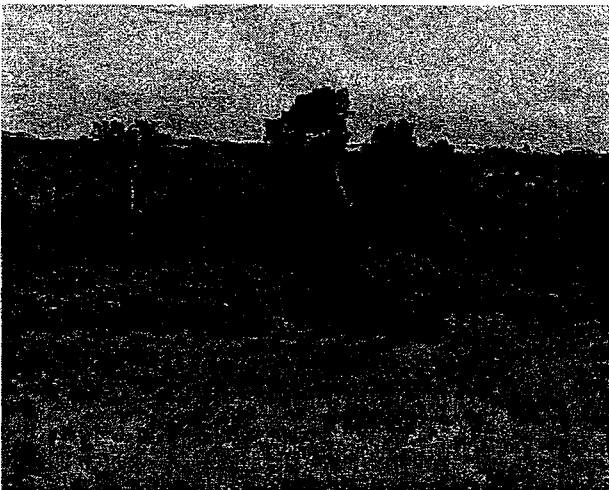
**PHOTOGRAPHS OF SURVEY AREAS, CONT.**



**Dry Creek to Bear Dance**



**Bear Dance to 151**



**Rock Creek**

## PHOTOGRAPHS OF WILLOW FLYCATCHER DETECTION SITES



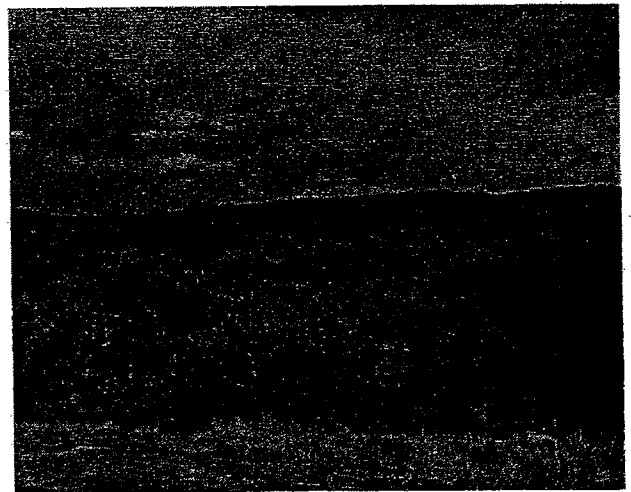
Cottonwood tree and surrounding willow habitat at Romero



Nest with Willow Flycatcher (left) and Brown-headed Cowbird chicks at Romero



Late nest at Romero



Detection site south of the confluence of Dry Creek and the Pine River

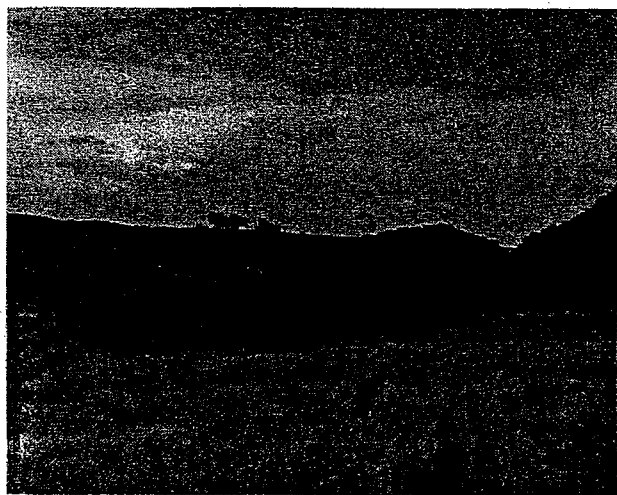
**PHOTOGRAPHS OF WILLOW FLYCATCHER DETECTION SITES, cont.**



**Detection site near Scott's Pond**



**Willow Flycatcher at Bear Dance to 151**



**Detection site at Rock Creek**

## **APPENDIX C**

**U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE PROTOCOL DATA SHEETS FOR 2003**

**SOUTHWESTERN WILLOW FLYCATCHER SURVEYS**

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**Willow Flycatcher Survey and Detection Form (rev. 4/98)**

Site Name Piedra River - S. Ute Reservation Was site surveyed in previous year? Yes ☐ No ☒  
 If yes, what site name was used? \_\_\_\_\_

County Archuleta State CO USGS Quad Name Cronquist Rock

Is copy of USGS map marked with survey area and WIFL sightings attached (as required)? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
 Site Coordinates: Start: N 411522 E 0291500 UTM  
 Stop: N 411270 E 0291710 UTM Zone 13S  
 Elevation 10400 (feet/meters (circle one))

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Survey # Observer(s)	Date (m/d/y) Survey time	Number of WIFLs Found	Estimated Number of Pairs	Estimated Number of Territories	Nest(s) Found? Y or N	Cowbirds Detected? Y or N	Presence of Livestock, Recent sign Y or N	Comments about this survey (e.g., evidence of pairs or breeding, number of nests, nest contents or number of fledges seen; potential threats)
1 LA, AJ, DM, SW, BZ	Date 5/27/03 start 0630 stop 1000 total hrs 10 1/2	0	-	-	N	Y	Y	Horses and cattle were present in patches along river. Fresh cow pies/horsedung also present.
2 LA, SW, AJ, DM	Date 6/18/03 Start 0630 Stop 1000 total hrs 10 1/2	0	-	-	N	Y	Y	Horses grazing in riparian habitat.
3 LA, SW, AJ, DM	Date 7/7/03 Start 0630 Stop 0900 total hrs 7 1/2	0	-	-	N	Y	Y	Horses again were present in the riparian area.
	Date start stop total hrs							
	Date start stop total hrs							
Overall Site Summary (Total only resident WIFLs)		Adults	Pairs	Territories	Nests	Were any WIFLs color-banded? Yes No <u>NA</u> If yes, report color combination(s) in the comments section on back of form		
Total survey hrs <u>28 1/2</u>		0	0	0	0			

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Name of Reporting Individual Lynn Alterman Phone # 970-382-7256  
Affiliation Ecosphere Environmental Services Email alterman@ecosphere-services.co

Site Name Piedra River - Southern Ute Reservation

Did you verify that this site name is consistent with that used in previous years? Yes No (circle one)

Management Authority for Survey Area (circle one): Federal Municipal/County State Tribal Private

Name of Management Entity or Owner (e.g., Tonto National Forest) Southern Ute Tribe

Length of area surveyed: 5 km (specify units, e.g., miles = mi, kilometers = km, meters = m)

Did you survey the same general area during each visit to this site this year? Yes / No No If no, summarize in comments below.

If site was surveyed last year, did you survey the same general area this year? Yes / No No If no, summarize in comments below.

Vegetation Characteristics: Overall, are the species in tree/shrub layer at this site comprised predominantly of (check one):

- ☒ Native broadleaf plants (entirely or almost entirely, includes high-elevation willow)  
☐ Mixed native and exotic plants (mostly native)  
☐ Mixed native and exotic plants (mostly exotic)  
☐ Exotic/introduced plants (entirely or almost entirely)

Identify the 2-3 predominant tree/shrub species: Willow, Cottonwood, Rose

Average height of canopy: 2-5 m (specify units)

Was surface water or saturated soil present at or adjacent to site? Yes No (circle one)

Distance from the site to surface water or saturated soil: 0 m (specify units)

Did hydrological conditions change significantly among visits (did the site flood or dry out)? Yes No (circle one)  
If yes, describe in comments section below.

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Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary): Water level on the Piedra River dropped  
between the first and second surveys, and again between the second and third  
surveys.

**Willow Flycatcher Survey and Detection Form (rev. 4/98)**

Site Name Los Pinos River-Southern Ute 5181N Was site surveyed in previous year? Yes ☐ No ☒

County La Plata State CO USGS Quad Name Bayfield

Is copy of USGS map marked with survey area and WIFL sightings attached (as required)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Site Coordinates: Start: N 4117449 E 0270485 UTM  
 Stop: N 4110826 E 0270065 UTM  
 Elevation 6700 feet/meters (circle one) Zone 13S

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Survey # Observer(s)	Date (m/d/y) Survey time	Number of WIFLs Found	Estimated Number of Pairs	Estimated Number of Territories	Nest(s) Found? Y or N	Cowbirds Detected? Y or N	Presence of Livestock, Recent sign Y or N	Comments about this survey (e.g., evidence of pairs or breeding, number of nests, nest contents or number of fledges seen; potential threats)
1 LA BZ SW DM	Date <u>5/23/03</u> start <u>0550</u> stop <u>0615</u> total hrs <u>1</u>	0	-	-	-	Y	Y	
2 MF SW AJ DM	Date <u>6/13/03</u> Start Stop total hrs <u>1</u>	0	-	-	N	Y	Y	
3 LA DM AJ	Date <u>7/10/03</u> Start <u>0915</u> Stop <u>0945</u> total hrs <u>1 1/2</u>	0	-	-	N	N	Y	Observed an Empidonax flycatcher, however, it could not vocalize. Waited + played tape a number of times, but no response.
	Date start stop total hrs							
	Date start stop total hrs							
Overall Site Summary (Total only resident WIFLs)		Adults	Pairs	Territories	Nests	Were any WIFLs color-banded? Yes No <u>NA</u>		
Total survey hrs <u>3 1/2</u>		0	0	0	0	If yes, report color combination(s) in the comments section on back of form		

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Affiliation Ecosphere Environmental Services

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Site Name Los Pinos River - Southern Ute 518 N

Did you verify that this site name is consistent with that used in previous years? Yes ☒ No (circle one)

Management Authority for Survey Area (circle one):

Federal Municipal/County State ☒ Tribal Private

Name of Management Entity or Owner (e.g., Tonto National Forest) Southern Ute Tribe

Length of area surveyed: 0.7 km (specify units, e.g., miles = mi, kilometers = km, meters = m)

Did you survey the same general area during each visit to this site this year? Yes ☒ No If no, summarize in comments below.

If site was surveyed last year, did you survey the same general area this year? Yes ☒ No If no, summarize in comments below.

Vegetation Characteristics: Overall, are the species in tree/shrub layer at this site comprised predominantly of (check one):

☒ Native broadleaf plants

(entirely or almost entirely, includes high-elevation willow)

☐ Mixed native and exotic plants (mostly native)

☐ Mixed native and exotic plants (mostly exotic)

☐ Exotic/introduced plants (entirely or almost entirely)

Identify the 2-3 predominant tree/shrub species: Coyote Willow, Narrowleaf Cottonwood

Average height of canopy: 2-5m (specify units)

Was surface water or saturated soil present at or adjacent to site? Yes ☒ No (circle one)

Distance from the site to surface water or saturated soil: adjacent (specify units)

Did hydrological conditions change significantly among visits (did the site flood or dry out)? Yes ☒ No (circle one)  
If yes, describe in comments section below.

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Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary): Water level on the Pine River decreased between the first and third surveys.

**Willow Flycatcher Survey and Detection Form (rev. 4/98)**

Site Name Romero - Los Pinos River Was site surveyed in previous year? Yes ☒ No ☐  
 If yes, what site name was used? \_\_\_\_\_

County La Plata State CO USGS Quad Name Bayfield

Is copy of USGS map marked with survey area and WIFL sightings attached (as required)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Site Coordinates: Start: N 4115757 E 0270672 UTM  
 Stop: N 4114934 E 0270906 UTM Zone 13S  
 Elevation 6000 (feet/meters (circle one))

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Survey # Observer(s)	Date (m/d/y) Survey time	Number of WIFLs Found	Estimated Number of Pairs	Estimated Number of Territories	Nest(s) Found? Y or N	Cowbirds Detected? Y or N	Presence of Livestock, Recent sign Y or N	Comments about this survey (e.g., evidence of pairs or breeding, number of nests, nest contents or number of fledges seen; potential threats)
1 J.W. L.A. S.W. A.J.	Date <u>5/20/03</u> start <u>7:50</u> stop <u>8:45</u> total hrs <u>2</u>	0	-	-	-	Y	Y	5 cowbirds
2 SW AJ DM	Date <u>6/12/03</u> Start <u>9:00</u> Stop <u>10:00</u> total hrs <u>1</u>	1	-	-	N	Y	Y	1 bird detected; singing in a cottonwood tree (adjacent to Willow habitat). UTM: 13S 0270411 4115879
3 DM AJ	Date <u>7/9-7/10</u> Start <u>0930</u> Stop <u>1000</u> total hrs <u>1.4</u>	2	1	1	Y	Y	Y	1 WIFL detected on 7/9, but not singing. Upon arrival on 7/10, we detected a male singing and a female whistling. We found a nest 2m from the edge of willow patch. Nest contained 1 WIFL chick sitting on edge of nest; appeared fully feathered and ready to fledge. Nest also contained 1 BHCO chick, which looked about 1-2 days prior to fledging. UTM of ♀: 13S 0270424 4115954 UTM of ♂: 13S 0270456 4115960
	Date _____ start _____ stop _____ total hrs _____							
	Date _____ start _____ stop _____ total hrs _____							
Overall Site Summary (Total only resident WIFLs)		Adults	Pairs	Territories	Nests	Were any WIFLs color-banded? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, report color combination(s) in the comments section on back of form		
Total survey hrs <u>4.4</u>		2	1	1	1			

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Affiliation Ecosphere Environmental Services Email alterman@ecosphere-services.com

Site Name Romero

Did you verify that this site name is consistent with that used in previous years? Yes ☐ No ☒ (circle one)

Management Authority for Survey Area (circle one): Federal Municipal/County State ☒ Tribal Private

Name of Management Entity or Owner (e.g., Tonto National Forest) Southern Ute Tribe

Length of area surveyed: 1.09 km (specify units, e.g., miles = mi, kilometers = km, meters = m)

Did you survey the same general area during each visit to this site this year? Yes ☒ No ☐ If no, summarize in comments below.

If site was surveyed last year, did you survey the same general area this year? Yes ☐ No ☐ If no, summarize in comments below.

Vegetation Characteristics: Overall, are the species in tree/shrub layer at this site comprised predominantly of (check one):

- ☒ Native broadleaf plants (entirely or almost entirely, includes high-elevation willow)  
☐ Mixed native and exotic plants (mostly native)  
☐ Mixed native and exotic plants (mostly exotic)  
☐ Exotic/introduced plants (entirely or almost entirely)

Identify the 2-3 predominant tree/shrub species: Willow, Cottonwood

Average height of canopy: 2-7 m (specify units)

Was surface water or saturated soil present at or adjacent to site? Yes ☒ No ☐ (circle one)

Distance from the site to surface water or saturated soil: Adjacent (specify units)

Did hydrological conditions change significantly among visits (did the site flood or dry out)? Yes ☒ No ☐ (circle one)  
If yes, describe in comments section below.

Remember to attach a xerox copy of a USGS quad/topographical map (REQUIRED) of the survey area, noting the survey site and location of WIFL detections. You may also include a sketch or aerial photograph showing details of site location, patch shape, survey route in relation to patch, and location of any willow flycatchers or willow flycatcher nests detected. Such sketches or photographs are welcomed, but DO NOT substitute for the required USGS quad map.

Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary): Level of the Piro River dropped between the first and third survey periods.

**Willow Flycatcher Survey and Detection Form (rev. 4/98)**

Site Name Beaver Creek - Los Pinos River Was site surveyed in previous year? Yes ☐ No ☒  
 If yes, what site name was used? \_\_\_\_\_

County La Plata State CO USGS Quad Name Bayfield

Is copy of USGS map marked with survey area and WIFL sightings attached (as required)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Site Coordinates: Start: N 4115012 E 0269269 UTM  
 Stop: N 4114737 E 0268684 UTM Zone 13S  
 Elevation 6600 (feet/meters (circle one))

**\*\* Fill in additional site information on back of this page \*\***

Survey # Observer(s)	Date (m/d/y) Survey time	Number of WIFLs Found	Estimated Number of Pairs	Estimated Number of Territories	Nest(s) Found? Y or N	Cowbirds Detected? Y or N	Presence of Livestock, Recent sign Y or N	Comments about this survey (e.g., evidence of pairs or breeding, number of nests, nest contents or number of fledges seen; potential threats)
1 <u>LA, BZ</u> <u>SW, DM</u>	Date <u>5/23/03</u> start <u>0645</u> stop <u>0720</u> total hrs <u>1 1/2</u>	0	-	-	N	Y	Y	
2 <u>MF, SW,</u> <u>AJ, DM</u>	Date <u>6/13/02</u> Start _____ Stop _____ total hrs <u>2</u>	0	-	-	N	Y	Y	
3 <u>LA, AJ,</u> <u>DM</u>	Date _____ Start <u>0745</u> Stop <u>0830</u> total hrs <u>2 1/4</u>	0	-	-	N	Y	N	
_____	Date _____ start _____ stop _____ total hrs _____							
_____	Date _____ start _____ stop _____ total hrs _____							
Overall Site Summary (Total only resident WIFLs)		Adults	Pairs	Territories	Nests	Were any WIFLs color-banded? Yes No <u>NA</u> If yes, report color combination(s) in the comments section on back of form		
Total survey hrs <u>5 3/4</u>		0	0	0	0			

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Site Name Beaver Creek

Did you verify that this site name is consistent with that used in previous years? Yes No (circle one)

Management Authority for Survey Area (circle one): Federal Municipal/County State Tribal Private

Name of Management Entity or Owner (e.g., Tonto National Forest) Southern Ute Tribe

Length of area surveyed: 0.67 km (specify units, e.g., miles = mi, kilometers = km, meters = m)

Did you survey the same general area during each visit to this site this year? Yes No If no, summarize in comments below.

If site was surveyed last year, did you survey the same general area this year? Yes / No If no, summarize in comments below.

Vegetation Characteristics: Overall, are the species in tree/shrub layer at this site comprised predominantly of (check one):

- ☒ Native broadleaf plants (entirely or almost entirely, includes high-elevation willow)  
☐ Mixed native and exotic plants (mostly native)  
☐ Mixed native and exotic plants (mostly exotic)  
☐ Exotic/introduced plants (entirely or almost entirely)

Identify the 2-3 predominant tree/shrub species: Coyote Willow, Narrowleaf Cottonwood

Average height of canopy: 2-10 m (specify units)

Was surface water or saturated soil present at or adjacent to site? Yes No (circle one)

Distance from the site to surface water or saturated soil: 0 m (specify units)

Did hydrological conditions change significantly among visits (did the site flood or dry out)? Yes No (circle one)  
If yes, describe in comments section below.

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Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary): Water level on the Pine River  
decreased between survey 1 and survey 2.

**Willow Flycatcher Survey and Detection Form (rev. 4/98)**

Los Pinos River

Site Name Dry Creek to Bear Dance Was site surveyed in previous year? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, what site name was used? \_\_\_\_\_

County La Plata State CO USGS Quad Name Bayfield, Barn Village

Is copy of USGS map marked with survey area and WIFL sightings attached (as required)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Site Coordinates: Start: N 4113685 E 0267235 UTM  
 Stop: N 4112254 E 0266362 UTM Zone 13S  
 Elevation 10500 (feet) / (meters (circle one))

**\*\* Fill in additional site information on back of this page \*\***

Survey # Observer(s)	Date (m/d/y) Survey time	Number of WIFLs Found	Estimated Number of Pairs	Estimated Number of Territories	Nest(s) Found? Y or N	Cowbirds Detected? Y or N	Presence of Livestock, Recent sign Y or N	Comments about this survey (e.g., evidence of pairs or breeding, number of nests, nest contents or number of fledges seen; potential threats)
1. J. Wickersham L. Alterman S. Whitman A. Johnson	Date 5/20/03 start 5:55 stop 7:25 total hrs 6	2	-	-	-	Y	Y	1 bird detected near confluence of Dry Creek + Pine River - UTM 13S 0267235, 4113502 2nd bird near Scott's Pond 13S 0266565 4112686
2 L. Alterman S. Whitman A. Johnson D.M.	Date 6/12/03 Start 0600 Stop 0730 total hrs 6	2	-	-	N	Y	Y	1 bird detected near to Dry Creek - 13S 0267089 4113552 2nd bird near Scott's Pond 13S 0266565 4112686
3 LA, SW AJ, DM	Date 7/9/03 Start 0645 Stop 0815 total hrs 10	1	0	1	N	Y	Y	UTM 13S - bird @ Scott's Pond: 13S 0266565 4112686
	Date start stop total hrs							
	Date start stop total hrs							
Overall Site Summary (Total only resident WIFLs)		Adults	Pairs	Territories	Nests	Were any WIFLs color-banded? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Total survey hrs <u>18</u>		1	0?	1	0	If yes, report color combination(s) in the comments section on back of form		

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Name of Reporting Individual John Wickersham Phone # (970) 259-4329

Affiliation Ecosphere Email wick@frontier.net

Site Name Dry Creek

Did you verify that this site name is consistent with that used in previous years? Yes ☒ No (circle one)

Management Authority for Survey Area (circle one): Federal Municipal/County State ☒ Tribal Private

Name of Management Entity or Owner (e.g., Tonto National Forest) Southern Ute Tribe

Length of area surveyed: 1.2 mi (specify units, e.g., miles = mi, kilometers = km, meters = m)

Did you survey the same general area during each visit to this site this year? ☒ Yes ☐ No If no, summarize in comments below.

If site was surveyed last year, did you survey the same general area this year? Yes / No If no, summarize in comments below.

Vegetation Characteristics: Overall, are the species in tree/shrub layer at this site comprised predominantly of (check one):

- ☒ Native broadleaf plants (entirely or almost entirely, includes high-elevation willow) ☐ Mixed native and exotic plants (mostly native)  
☐ Mixed native and exotic plants (mostly exotic) ☐ Exotic/introduced plants (entirely or almost entirely)

Identify the 2-3 predominant tree/shrub species: Willow, Cottonwood, Boxelder  
Coyote Narrowleaf

Average height of canopy: 5-7 m (specify units)

Was surface water or saturated soil present at or adjacent to site? ☒ Yes ☐ No (circle one)

Distance from the site to surface water or saturated soil: adjacent (specify units)

Did hydrological conditions change significantly among visits (did the site flood or dry out)? Yes No (circle one)

If yes, describe in comments section below.

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Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary):

One WIFL heard "fitz beeing" but not seen

**Willow Flycatcher Survey and Detection Form (rev. 4/98)**

Site Name Los Pinos River  
Bear Dance to 151 Was site surveyed in previous year? Yes ☐ No ☒  
 If yes, what site name was used? \_\_\_\_\_

County La Pinta State CO USGS Quad Name Ignacio and Tiffany and

Is copy of USGS map marked with survey area and WIFL sightings attached (as required)? ☒ Yes ☐ No Germ. Village  
 Site Coordinates: Start: N 4112176 E 0266387 UTM  
 Stop: N 4110670 E 0266407 UTM Zone 13S  
 Elevation 6500 feet/meters (circle one)

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Survey # Observer(s)	Date (m/d/y) Survey time	Number of WIFLs Found	Estimated Number of Pairs	Estimated Number of Territories	Nest(s) Found? Y or N	Cowbirds Detected? Y or N	Presence of Livestock, Recent sign Y or N	Comments about this survey (e.g., evidence of pairs or breeding, number of nests, nest contents or number of fledges seen, potential threats)
1 LA, BZ, SW, DM	Date 5/23/03 start 0745 stop 0830 total hrs 1 1/2	0	-	-	-	Y	Y	
2 MF, SW, AJ, DM	Date 6/13/03 Start 0600 Stop 0645 total hrs 1 1/2	1	-	-	-	Y	Y	UTM of birds 13S 0266287 4111225
3 LA AJ, DM	Date 7/10/03 Start 0645 Stop 0730 total hrs 1 3/4	0	-	-	N	Y	Y	
	Date start stop total hrs							
	Date start stop total hrs							
Overall Site Summary (Total only resident WIFLs)		Adults	Pairs	Territories	Nests	Were any WIFLs color-banded? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, report color combination(s) in the comments section on back of form		
Total survey hrs <u>4 3/4</u>		13	13	13	0			

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Affiliation Ecosphere Environmental Services Email alterman@ecosphere-services.com

Site Name Bear Dance to 151

Did you verify that this site name is consistent with that used in previous years? Yes ☒ No ☐ (circle one)

Management Authority for Survey Area (circle one): Federal Municipal/County State ☒ Tribal Private

Name of Management Entity or Owner (e.g., Tonto National Forest) Southern Ute Tribe

Length of area surveyed: 1.0 m (specify units, e.g., miles = mi, kilometers = km, meters = m)

Did you survey the same general area during each visit to this site this year? Yes ☒ No ☐ If no, summarize in comments below.

If site was surveyed last year, did you survey the same general area this year? Yes ☐ No ☐ If no, summarize in comments below.

Vegetation Characteristics: Overall, are the species in tree/shrub layer at this site comprised predominantly of (check one):

- ☒ Native broadleaf plants (entirely or almost entirely, includes high-elevation willow) ☐ Mixed native and exotic plants (mostly native)  
☐ Mixed native and exotic plants (mostly exotic) ☐ Exotic/introduced plants (entirely or almost entirely)

Identify the 2-3 predominant tree/shrub species: Willow Cottonwood Cattail

Average height of canopy: 5m (specify units)

Was surface water or saturated soil present at or adjacent to site? Yes ☒ No ☐ (circle one)

Distance from the site to surface water or saturated soil: 0m (specify units)

Did hydrological conditions change significantly among visits (did the site flood or dry out)? Yes ☒ No ☐ (circle one)  
If yes, describe in comments section below.

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Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary): River water level dropped between  
Survey 1 and Survey 3.

Willow Flycatcher Survey and Detection Form (rev. 4/98)

Site Name Los Pinos River  
Rack Creek (Water Treatment Plant) Was site surveyed in previous year? Yes ☐ No ☒

County La Plata State CO. USGS Quad Name Ignacio and Tiffany

Is copy of USGS map marked with survey area and WIFL sightings attached (as required)? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
 Site Coordinates: Start: N 4109677 E 02160328 UTM  
 Stop: N 4108820 E 02160983 UTM Zone 13S  
 Elevation 6400 (circle one) meters (circle one)

**\*\* Fill in additional site information on back of this page \*\***

Survey # Observer(s)	Date (m/d/y) Survey time	Number of WIFLs Found	Estimated Number of Pairs	Estimated Number of Territories	Nest(s) Found? Y or N	Cowbirds Detected? Y or N	Presence of Livestock, Recent sign Y or N	Comments about this survey (e.g., evidence of pairs or breeding, number of nests, nest contents or number of fledges seen; potential threats)
1 <u>S.W.</u> <u>L.A.</u> <u>S.W.</u> <u>A.J.</u>	Date <u>5/20/03</u> start <u>9:03</u> stop <u>9:47</u> total hrs <u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>	UTMs of birds: ① 13S 02160350, 4109531 ② 13S 02160441, 4109472 ③ 13S 02160507, 4109476 ④ 13S 02160520, 4109472
2 <u>LA</u> <u>JL</u> <u>SW</u> <u>AJ</u> <u>DM</u>	Date <u>6/12/03</u> Start <u>0800</u> Stop <u>0900</u> total hrs <u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>	
3 <u>LA JB</u> <u>SW AJ DM</u>	Date <u>7/9/03</u> Start <u>0845</u> Stop <u>0945</u> total hrs <u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>	
<u> </u>	Date start stop total hrs							
<u> </u>	Date start stop total hrs							
Overall Site Summary (Total only resident WIFLs)		Adults	Pairs	Territories	Nests	Were any WIFLs color-banded? Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>		
Total survey hrs <u>16</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	If yes, report color combination(s) in the comments section on back of form		

Name of Reporting Individual Lynn Alterman Date Report Completed 7/10/03

Submit the original of this form. Retain a copy for your records.

Fill in the following information completely. Submit original form. Retain copy for your records.

Name of Reporting Individual John Wickert Phone # (970) 259-4329

Affiliation Ecosphere Email Wickert@ecosphere.net

Site Name Rock Creek

Did you verify that this site name is consistent with that used in previous years? Yes No (circle one)

Management Authority for Survey Area (circle one): Federal Municipal/County State Tribal Private

Name of Management Entity or Owner (e.g., Tonto National Forest) Southern Ute Tribe

Length of area surveyed: 1.31 km (specify units, e.g., miles = mi, kilometers = km, meters = m)

Did you survey the same general area during each visit to this site this year? Yes / No If no, summarize in comments below.

If site was surveyed last year, did you survey the same general area this year? Yes / No If no, summarize in comments below.

Vegetation Characteristics: Overall, are the species in tree/shrub layer at this site comprised predominantly of (check one):

- ☒ Native broadleaf plants (entirely or almost entirely, includes high-elevation willow)  
☐ Mixed native and exotic plants (mostly native)  
☐ Mixed native and exotic plants (mostly exotic)  
☐ Exotic/introduced plants (entirely or almost entirely)

Identify the 2-3 predominant tree/shrub species: Willow, Cottonwood, Rose

Average height of canopy: 8-10 m (specify units)

Was surface water or saturated soil present at or adjacent to site? Yes No (circle one)

Distance from the site to surface water or saturated soil: adjacent (specify units)

Did hydrological conditions change significantly among visits (did the site flood or dry out)? Yes No (circle one)  
If yes, describe in comments section below.

Remember to attach a xerox copy of a USGS quad/topographical map (REQUIRED) of the survey area, noting the survey site and location of WIFL detections. You may also include a sketch or aerial photograph showing details of site location, patch shape, survey route in relation to patch, and location of any willow flycatchers or willow flycatcher nests detected. Such sketches or photographs are welcomed, but DO NOT substitute for the required USGS quad map.

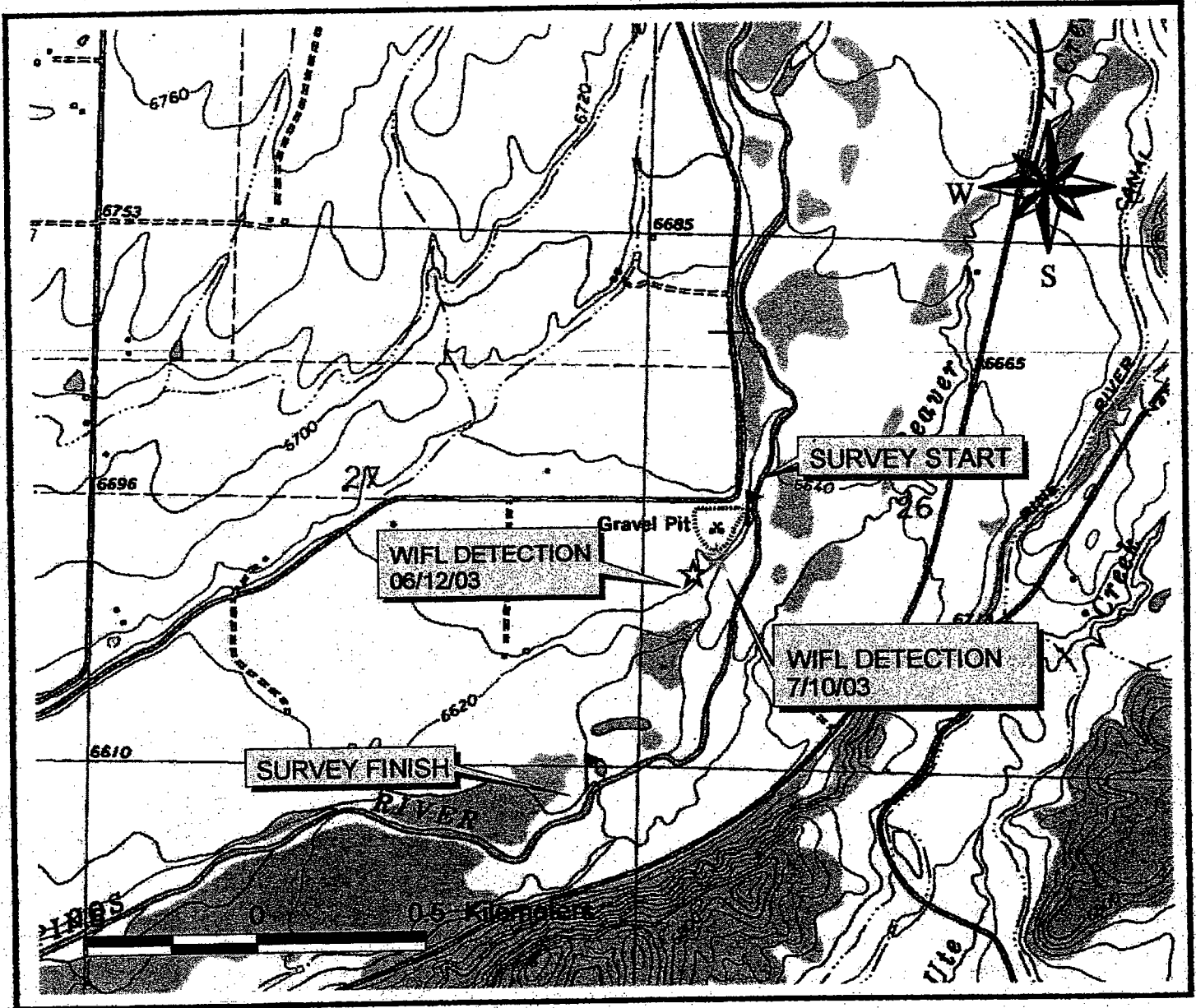
Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary):

Some nice native (up to 20m) willow stands  
(one WIFL detected)

Water had dropped on the Pine River & Rock Creek between survey 1 and 2.

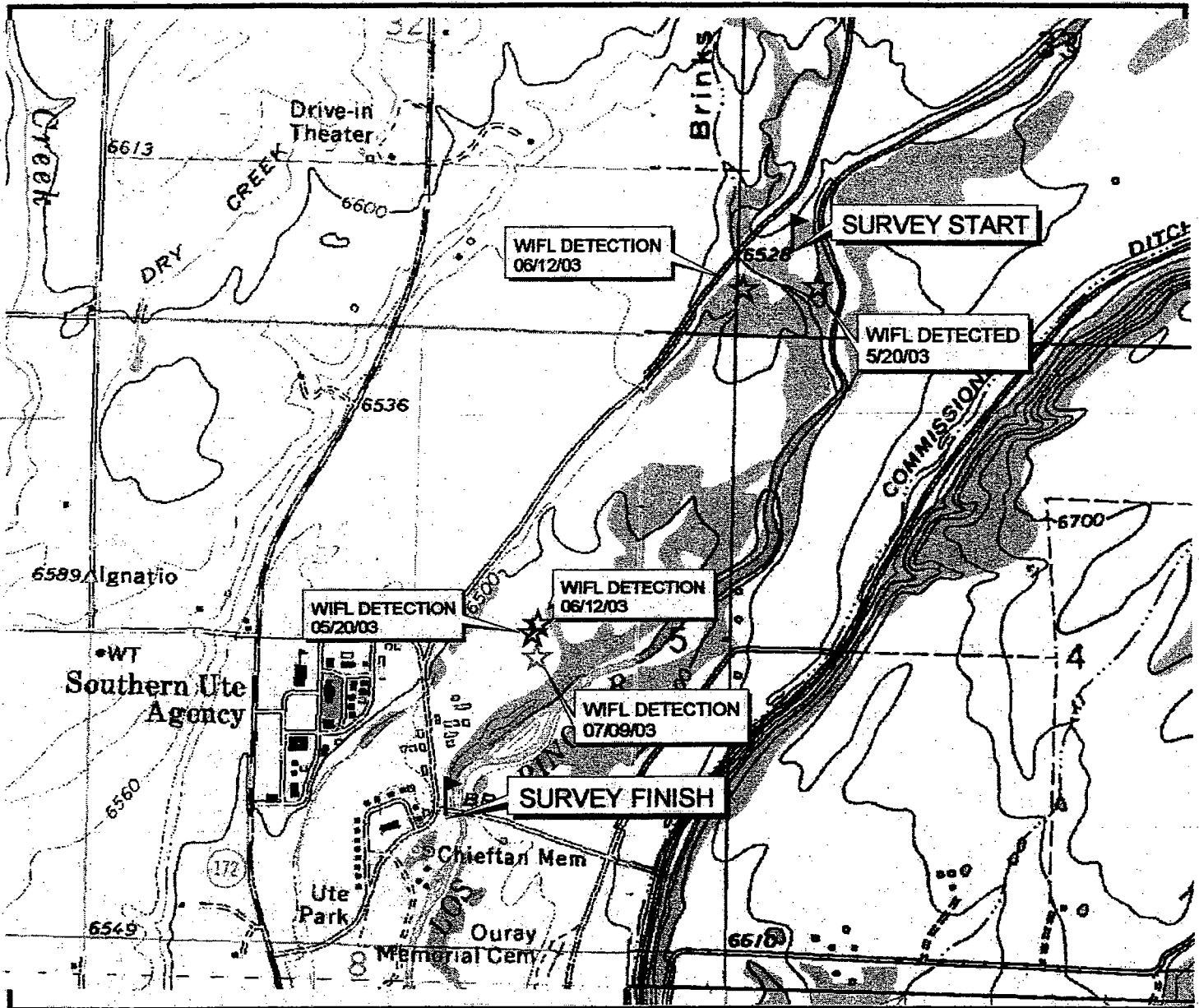
## **APPENDIX D**

### **MAPS OF SOUTHWESTERN WILLOW FLYCATCHER DETECTIONS ON SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBAL LANDS**



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- ☆ WIFL Detection in 1st period
- ☆ WIFL Detection in 2nd period
- ☆ WIFL Detection in 3rd period



# LEGEND

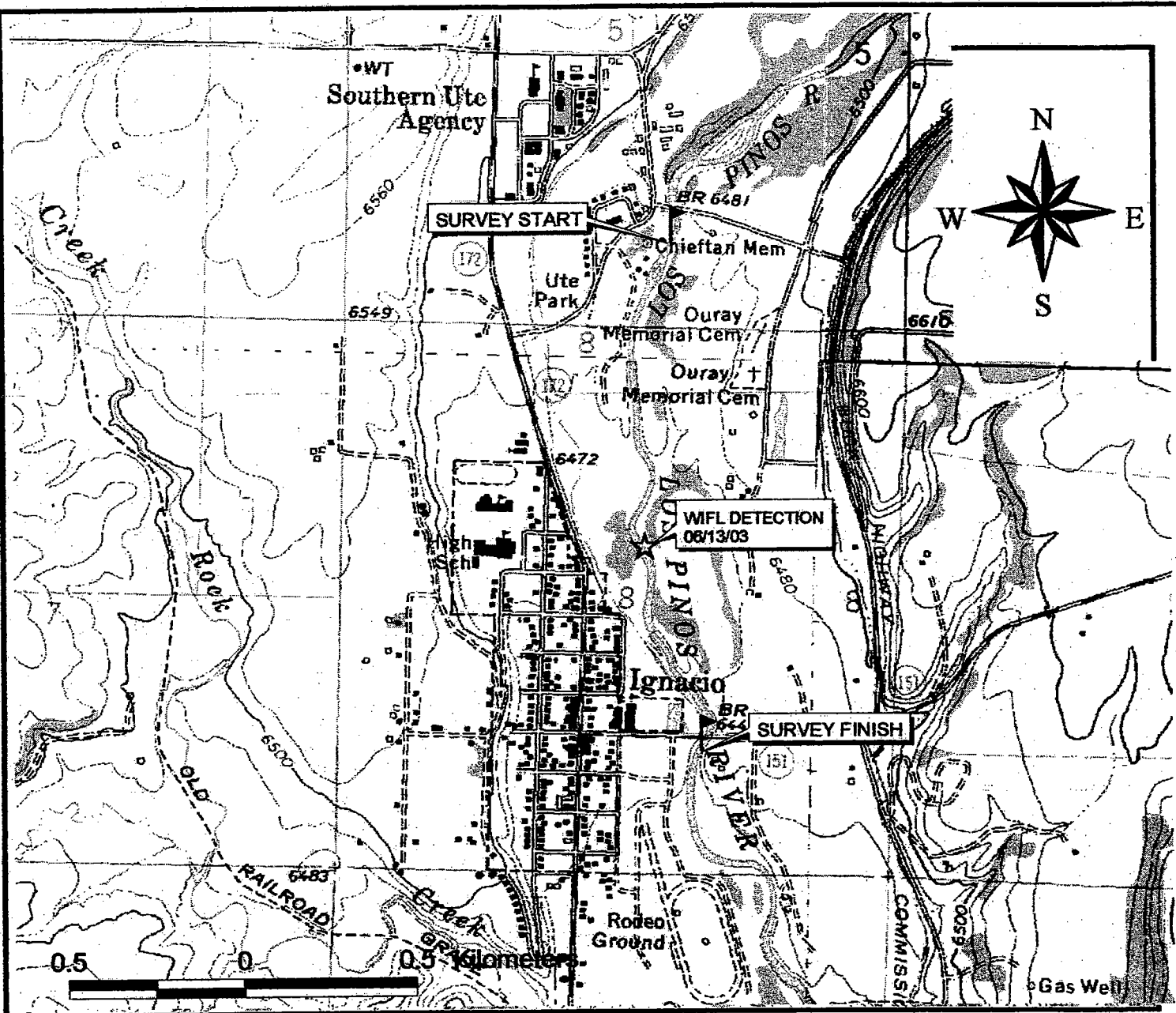
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- ☆ WIFL Detection in 3rd period

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LOS PINOS RIVER/DRY CREEK TO BEAR DANCE

WIFL DETECTION  
MAP

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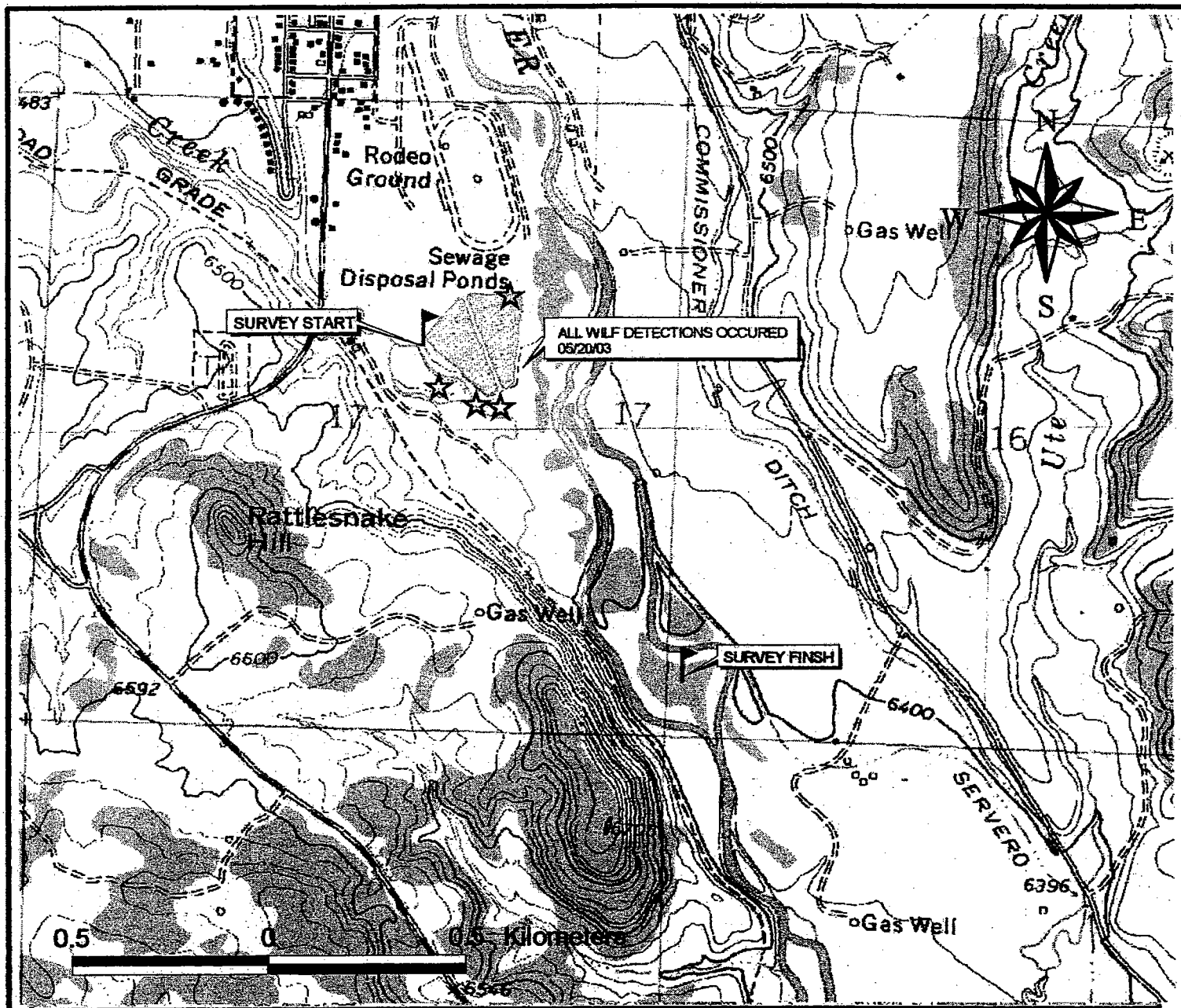
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SOUTHWESTERN WILLOW FLYCATCHER DETECTION SITES  
LOS PINOS RIVER/BEAR DANCE TO 151

WIFL DETECTION  
MAP  
Prepared By:  
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Services



# LEGEND

- ☆ WIFL Detection in 1st period
- ☆ WIFL Detection in 2nd period
- ☆ WIFL Detection in 3rd period

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LOS PINOS RIVER/ROCK CREEK

WIFL DETECTION  
MAP

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## **APPENDIX E**

### **AVIAN SPECIES LISTS FOR SOUTHWESTERN WILLOW FLYCATCHER SURVEY AREAS ON SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBAL LANDS**

**Species list for the Piedra River, Southern Ute Reservation survey area.**

Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
Common Merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>
Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>
Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferous</i>
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularia</i>
Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	<i>Selasphorus platycercus</i>
Belted Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle alcyon</i>
Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>
Red-naped Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus nuchalis</i>
Western Wood-Pewee	<i>Contopus sordidulus</i>
Western Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus verticalis</i>
Warbling Vireo	<i>Vireo gilva</i>
Black-billed Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>
American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>
Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>
Violet-green Swallow	<i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>
Tree Swallow	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>
Mountain Chickadee	<i>Poecile gambelli</i>
White-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila caerulea</i>
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>
Gray Catbird	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>
Cedar Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>
Yellow Warbler	<i>Dendroica petechia</i>
Wilson's Warbler	<i>Wilsonia pusilla</i>
Yellow-breasted Chat	<i>Icteria virens</i>
Western Tanager	<i>Piranga ludoviciana</i>
Spotted Towhee	<i>Pipilo maculatus</i>
Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>
Black-headed Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus melanocephalus</i>
Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>
Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>
Bullock's Oriole	<i>Icterus bullockii</i>
American Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis tristis</i>

**Species list for the Pine River, Southern Ute Indian Tribe survey areas.**

Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
Common Merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>
Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>
Swainson's Hawk	<i>Buteo swainsoni</i>
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularia</i>
Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>
Belted Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle alcyon</i>
Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>
Western Wood-Pewee	<i>Contopus sordidulus</i>
Willow Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii</i>
Cordilleran Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax occidentalis</i>
Ash-throated Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus cinerascens</i>
Western Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus verticalis</i>
Warbling Vireo	<i>Vireo gilva</i>
Black-billed Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>
Violet-green Swallow	<i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>
Black-capped Chickadee	<i>Poecile atricapillus</i>
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>
Gray Catbird	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>
European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
Cedar Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>
Yellow Warbler	<i>Dendroica petechia</i>
Wilson's Warbler	<i>Wilsonia pusilla</i>
Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>
Yellow-breasted Chat	<i>Icteria virens</i>
Spotted Towhee	<i>Pipilo maculatus</i>
Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>
Black-headed Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus melanocephalus</i>
Blue Grosbeak	<i>Guriaca caerulea</i>
Western Meadowlark	<i>Struella neglecta</i>
Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>
Great-tailed Grackle	<i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i>
Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>
Bullock's Oriole	<i>Icterus bullockii</i>
House Finch	<i>Carpodacus mexicanus</i>
American Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis tristis</i>